



The Lions Express

District 31-S Newsletter | August 2017 Issue



Message From DG Steve McLaurin

We are off to a solid start in District 31-S. Brighter Visions Chair and Second Vice-District Governor, Lion Mark Bateman, has made several presentations before clubs about our quest to make or exceed the district's budget for the year, with each club contributing. The response he has received from his club programs has been outstanding. Some clubs have already sent in their club's contribution of \$125 per member, having completed their fundraiser for this purpose. Additionally, as District Governor I am honored to have the opportunity to visit clubs in the district. So far, I have found the clubs I have visited to have very active and energetic Lions!

Many thanks to both the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club and the Manteo Lions Club for fulfilling their Brighter Visions goal early!

One of my goals this year it to visit each club in the district to let them know what is going on in the district and to salute what each club is doing for service in their communities. I will be contacting each club to schedule my visit. It is my honor to visit and learn about each club.

A separate fund has been set for any Lion or club who wishes to send funds to the victims of the East Texas hurricane. We are working with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to make sure that all funds and supplies are distributed to the respective Lions District Governor, to provide the maximum assistance to the victims. Receipts are kept for each purchase to insure all funds go to their intended purpose. If you or your club wish to contribute, you may send the contribution marked accordingly to District 31-S Treasurer, PDG Lion Herb Justice.

The Lions of District 31-S are among the most dedicated of any Lions. I continue to be impressed with your service projects within your communities. To insure we are meeting community needs, I am

asking each club to meet the district goal of adding one more service project for this Lions year. These service projects are ideal to invite a friend or acquaintance to participate and/or potentially join your club after experiencing the gratification we all enjoy from being a Lion.

The district goals are printed in the District 31-S Directory to insure all clubs are aware of the goals we seek for all District 31-S clubs to meet.

Best of luck in successfully completing your fundraising and service projects. Continue to prove *where there is a need, there is a Lion* and demonstrate our Lions motto, WE SERVE.



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Youth to showcase their talent

CREATE

Stronger ties in your community

Don't miss your opportunity to sponsor the **30th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest!**

Give kids in your community a creative way to express their visions of *The Future of Peace*, the theme for the 2017-18 Peace Poster Contest. Order your Peace Poster Kit to play a key role in engaging our youth and promoting peace around the world. Get complete contest details at lionsclubs.org.

The Future of Peace begins with you and your club.

Order your Peace Poster Kit today!





***A Global Service and Funding Framework for the 21st Century: Concept for Discussion
June—August 2017***

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Lions Clubs International (LCI) is the largest volunteer service organization in the world, uniting the efforts of 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and geographic areas. This year, LCI enters its next century of service, and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018. We look to build on our strong history of impact and enhance our focus to meet the growing challenges facing our world and couple those with the strategies and resources of LCIF.

To achieve this vision, we have created the Global Service Framework to mobilize the passion, interest, and efforts of Lions and Leos behind five service areas: diabetes, environment, hunger relief, pediatric cancer, and vision.

Our goal is to triple our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people annually across the globe by 2021. The Global Service Framework complements all the great ways clubs serve locally, and it gives Lions and Leos new opportunities to respond to the diverse set of needs facing the global community.

By aligning our key service areas with LCIF humanitarian strategies and capacity building efforts, we can make a greater impact. One of the significant ways Lions has done this is through our LCIF Sight-First program to control preventable blindness and vision impairment. In the decades since its inception in the early 1990s, SightFirst has greatly impacted the visual health of people around the globe.

A 2010 study released by the World Health Organization shows that blindness and visual impairment has been reduced globally by nine percent or 26 million people since 2004. Lions can truly make a difference when we are united behind an important cause.

We will implement the Global Service Framework using similar methods that led to SightFirst's success: innovative service programs, LCIF grant funding opportunities, partnerships with global organizations, advocacy for legislative protections, youth engagement, and motivation.

LCIF is currently in the planning stages of a campaign to raise a potential \$300 million or more to support the implementation of the new service framework and ensure grant alignment. In addition to raising funds for the service framework – with special emphasis on diabetes, our new signature cause – LCIF also hopes to financially support the continuation of SightFirst through 2030 and bring added funds and support to youth programs.

Accompanying this brief introduction is a graphic summary (see page 4 of this newsletter) of the five focus areas, along with our support to youth in our communities. The summary also mentions potential projects that could be supported by LCIF through the funds raised in a new campaign. We ask that you carefully review the summary, and thoughtfully consider and share your reactions to the following during your interview: The five focus areas and support to youth; Level

of priority of each of the focus areas from a fundraising perspective for Lions within your constitutional area; Your own willingness to participate in a campaign to support the Global Service Framework as well as that of your club, district and multiple district; Your impression of Lions' willingness in your constitutional area and all LCI to support and participate in this campaign; Methods to engage an individual non-Lion audience in supporting these focus areas; Specific names of corporations, foundations, and government agencies who could be potential funders of these focus areas and where you may have a personal connection; New strategies to engage and motivate Lions, such as through digital giving, monthly giving programs, district and club sharing of funds raised, automatic debit, and planned or bequest giving (funds that go to LCIF after death); and Potential obstacles to success.

We thank you for participating in this conversation. With your feedback, we will be able to determine the best next steps forward and our capacity to raise \$300 million or more in a multi-year campaign. These new platforms will allow us to lead the world in global humanitarian efforts, and be leaders in addressing humanitarian challenges wherever they exist. Because where there's a need, there's a Lion.





**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



Youth will be partners in service in our efforts as we launch the global service framework. We will engage them and integrate them fully into all five focus areas, and develop specific programs that will benefit youth. We will make supporting youth a priority throughout the framework. Some ways we will do so may include:

- Expanding Lions Quest
- Providing new grants for Leos to initiate projects in the new focus areas
- Increasing training and mentoring opportunities for youth
- Creating global citizens through our Youth Camp and Exchange program

<p>Diabetes</p> <p><i>Our Objective:</i> Prevent diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed</p> <p>Quick Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes is the eighth-leading cause of death in the world, and fifth-leading cause of death in women • 422 million adults have diabetes; 318 million have impaired glucose tolerance • 75% of people with diabetes live in low- to middle-income countries <p>We will achieve our objective by supporting prevention, control, advocacy, and research.</p> <p>Possible fundable projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing for health care infrastructure development • Establishing community health activities, such as sports leagues and physical recreation activities • Supporting screening activities and follow-up diagnostic services • Creating support groups 	<p>Environment</p> <p><i>Our Objective:</i> Protect, restore and sustain healthy and safe environments to improve the health and well-being of all communities and future generations</p> <p>Quick Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 billion people do not have access to adequate sanitation • In the coming decades, one-third of the world's population will experience severe water scarcity • A third of the planet's soils are degraded <p>We will achieve our objective by minimizing our carbon footprint, and promoting sustainable environmental improvements in communities across the globe.</p> <p>Possible fundable projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing sustainable water tanks, wells, and pumps • Installing toilets in public facilities • Providing equipment for water storage and irrigation systems • Developing community agroforestry projects, such as planting trees 	<p>Hunger</p> <p><i>Our Objective:</i> Decrease hunger and food insecurity in all communities and provide direct support and assistance to those suffering from malnutrition</p> <p>Quick Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly one billion people go to bed hungry every night • More than one in four children under the age of five experience stunted growth due to chronic malnutrition • More than two billion people suffer from one or more micronutrient deficiencies ("hidden hunger") <p>We will achieve our objective by increasing access to nutritious food and addressing causes of malnutrition and food waste.</p> <p>Possible fundable projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing or expanding food banks and feeding centers • Providing vehicles and equipment to store, transport, and prepare food • Redirecting surplus foods from supermarkets, farms and the hospitality sector 	<p>Pediatric Cancer</p> <p><i>Our Objective:</i> Help children with cancer to survive and thrive with increased access to care, medications, treatment facilities, and diagnostic measures</p> <p>Quick Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer • Less than half of the world's children have access to adequate care <p>We will achieve our objective by expanding access to treatment and providing support to children and families who need it most.</p> <p>Possible fundable projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplying medical and laboratory equipment for cancer centers for screenings, treatment and research • Providing transport vans to and from medical appointments for patients and their families • Constructing and equipping patient guest house facilities or other lodging for families during treatments • Increasing the number of direct support groups for families with pediatric cancer patients 	<p>Vision</p> <p><i>Our Objective:</i> Decrease the number of new cases of avoidable blindness and increase access to vision care and services for those living with vision loss</p> <p>Quick Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today, 80% of vision impairments are preventable or curable • Blindness and visual impairment have decreased globally by 26 million people since 2004 <p>We will achieve our objective by building local eye care capacity, eliminating blinding diseases, and providing care to underserved populations. We will continue to support SightFirst and our incredible achievements in vision care and health.</p> <p>Possible fundable projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the performance of eye care systems and institutions • Supporting national efforts to eliminate blinding diseases through volunteer training and supervision, advocacy, surgical services, and distributions of appropriate medications • Enhancing and expanding Lions-led comprehensive vision screening programs for both adults and children
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Message From Lions Clubs International Foundation

*By Chancellor Bob Corlew, Chairman
Lions Clubs International Foundation*

I'd like to begin my first newsletter by saying I am very excited for my new role as chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Having witnessed the wonderful service projects that are being completed around the world, some with funding from LCIF, I am ready to serve in a whole new way by supporting our foundation.

LCIF supports life-changing service projects Lions complete all around the world, providing grant funding for your local and global humanitarian efforts. Your contributions to LCIF have helped people near and far by providing disaster relief, saving sight, supporting youth, and meeting humanitarian needs.

This year, which leads to the foundation's 50th anniversary, we have a goal to raise \$50 million to support Lions' compassionate service in more ways than ever. Lions show strength in numbers. When we work together, we can accomplish great things. I am confident this year

will be the best year LCIF has had yet! I look forward to my year as chairman and hope to see Lions and LCIF working hard to create positive change in our world.



The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness. For more than 15 years, LCIF's SightFirst program and the World Health Organization (WHO) have partnered to serve more than 127 million children by working to eliminate avoidable childhood blindness. The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness is an initiative that began in 2001. Since then, 51 Child Friendly Eye Care Centers have been established and supported in 50 countries within Africa,

the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Western Pacific. The centers provide preventative, therapeutic, and rehabilitative eye care services for children aged 0-15 years. To date, more than 67,000 pediatric eye care staff have been trained, more than 13 million children have been screened for eye diseases, and more than 127 million children have received treatment. There have also been nearly one million education sessions for parents, caregivers, and healthcare staff. Because of your donations to LCIF, millions of children have been given the chance to avoid childhood blindness.

Club LCIF Coordinators Position Update. The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for LCIF at the club level and is crucial to the promotion of our foundation. This person shares LCIF stories, motivates fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enables LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally.

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District 31-I Fall Convention Nov. 3-4th, 2017
 NC Lions Convention & Retreat Center
 7062 Camp Dogwood Drive
 Sherrills Ford, NC 28673



We Serve



US Veterans will be honored during this event. Please wear your Service Pin(s).

Your Name _____ Home Club _____

Current Club Position: _____ Zone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Zip: _____ Tele # _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

Guest Name _____ Home Club _____

<u>Info for Name Tags (Check all that apply)</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Guest</u>
International President	_____	_____
International Director	_____	_____
Past International Director	_____	_____
District Governor	_____	_____
Past District Governor	_____	_____
Jack Stickley Fellow	_____	_____
Melvin Jones Fellow	_____	_____
Woolard Partner in Service	_____	_____
Scruggs Beacon of Hope	_____	_____

Please list dietary restrictions. We will do our best to accommodate your meal requests.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Dress for head table guests is white jacket for men and cocktail dress for women.

<u>Event</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost ea.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fun Night & Dinner (Hamburger/Fries)	_____	11/3	6:30 pm	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Auction & Breakfast (Full Breakfast Meal)	_____	11/4	7:30 am	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch (Chicken Salad Sandwich)	_____	11/4	Noon	\$ 12.00	\$ _____
Banquet (Plated Meal) (Prime Rib/Salad/Dessert)	_____	11/4	6:00 pm	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Rise Against Hunger Project Breakfast*	_____	11/5	8:00 am	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
Total amount remitted					\$ _____

Make checks for registration fees only payable to:

NC Lions District 31-I Fall Convention, mail payment & this registration form to:

District Treasurer Ron Staley, 7935 Altacrest Drive, Concord, NC 28027

Please come for each day's activities. If you are staying overnight, rooms are limited – register EARLY.

Contact Camp Dogwood for room reservations at (828) 478-2135 Ext. 230 or email Keisha@nclionsinc.org.

The Convention room rates are \$65 (double occupancy) per night and include NC State occupancy tax.

If you need room reservations for Thur. Nov. 2nd to assist with Convention setup or *Sat. Nov. 4th to volunteer for the Rise Against Hunger project Sunday morning Nov. 5th please make room and meal reservations also.

Questions: Contact Convention Facilitator 1st VDG Carolyn Sprinkle@ sprinkle89@skybest.com
 or 336-372-8956 H 336-466-5974 Cell

MORE MEMBERS = MORE SERVICE

Throughout our first century, our membership grew to its current level of 1.4 million. I bow my head to our many leaders who worked hard to spread our message from one club in Chicago to 47,000+ clubs in more than 200 countries or geographic areas.

SO WHAT CAN 1.4 MILLION LIONS DO?

If each of us puts \$10 more in our projects per month, that results in US\$170 million more each year. If each of us serves for 1 more hour per week, that gives us 73 million more hours of service each year.

WHAT IS NEEDED IS A CHANGE OF HEART.

Every day, innovations in technology, medicine, finance and other fields are unveiled that make our lives easier. Yet, 795 million people (11 percent of the world's population) live in hunger.

Food for a hungry person in a low-income country is just US\$160 per year. This amount (795 million people x US\$160) can be met by the top 1 billion people in the world alone if they give just \$0.35 per day. That is the power of we.

Solving our world's greatest problems is within reach if people work together for the common good.

MY FOCUS THIS YEAR IS TO EMBRACE OUR ASSOCIATION'S MOTTO "WE SERVE."

It is a powerful expression. "We" symbolizes the power of our 1.4 million members, and "Serve" expresses our clear, decisive action to convert every dollar into service for the most urgent needs around the world.

THE POWER OF WE

The "Power of We" underscores that my power comes from you, and your power comes from me. I cannot lift a car, but together we can. One person cannot educate a village, but a group of like-minded people can. As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

If all of us come together, then the impossible becomes possible.

"WE SERVE" ALSO HIGHLIGHTS OUR MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY – CONNECTIVITY.

We are connected to each other as Lions and to the communities we serve. In a chain, each individual link combines to form an unbreakable line. If our chain has 1.4 million strong links, that becomes a powerful force for good.



<https://www.facebook.com/nclionsbrightervisions>





PRESS RELEASE

The North Carolina Lions is sponsoring the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, with the state winner receiving a \$250 cash prize and an expense paid trip to attend the 2018 N.C. Lions State Convention in Greensboro where they will be invited to read their winning essay to our membership during the general business session.

The contest is open to high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private or charter school. Essays must be no longer than 750 words and sponsored by a local Lions club in each district. Judging should be done on the club and district level before one entry being submitted to the state Celebrate Liberty Committee for final judging. The deadline to submit an entry to the state committee is Feb. 9, 2018.

Students should base their essay on the Alexander Hamilton quote, "The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter, or totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it." Hamilton was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and served as the first secretary of the treasury under the administration of President George Washington.

For more information about the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest or to obtain a copy of the contest brochure, contact the district committee chairperson.

Celebrate Liberty
2017-2018 Essay Contest

\$250 Cash Prize
Expense Paid Trip To The
2018 NC Lions State Convention
One Entry Per District; Deadline: Feb. 9, 2018

Open to high school juniors enrolled in a
North Carolina public, private or charter school



DISTRICT 31-S PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tournament Sponsors – Blue Cross/ Shield & A. E. Finley Foundation

Monday, October 2, 2017
Sign in before 11:30 am

Rain Date – October 9, 2017
Tee Time: 12:00 pm

Deadline: September 27, 2017

Raleigh Golf Association 1527 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC
Phone: 919-772-9987

Modified Superball Tournament

Proceeds go to Visually Impaired Persons' Fishing Tournament

First and Second Place Winners

Closest to hole On PAR 3'S- Holes # 3, 7, 12 & 15

Most accurate drive on Hole #4

Longest drive (Must be in Fairway) on Hole #13

Putting Contest

RULES

- **PLAY SUPERBALL:** After the tee shot
- One shot on par 3's, two shots on par 4's, three shots on par 5's
- Each player will play his/her own ball into the hole and record the score
- The team score will be the total of the best two scores in the foursome
- Players 65 and under will play from the white tees; ages 66 to 74 may use gold tees; players 75 and over may use red tees
- No player should score over a double bogey on any hole.

\$70 per Player

\$280 per Team

Hole Sponsor - \$100

\$380 Team Sponsor

Price includes a sandwich at 11:30 and meal after tournament

Designate information for Sponsor Sign: _____

NAME OF TEAM: _____

PLAYER: _____ PLAYER: _____

PLAYER: _____ PLAYER: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail (Required): _____

Sponsoring Lion Club: _____

Make checks payable to: **Lions District 31-S Fall Golf Tournament**

Send entry form with payment to: PDG Herbert Justice, 6704 Perkins Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612

Information - Phone: 919-848-3574 Cell: 919-637-8995 E-mail: hjustice@nc.rr.com

Message from LCIF

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Club LCIF Coordinators will be equipped with resources that will allow them to champion the goals of the foundation to Lions.

A new policy has been put into effect to help fill this vital role at the club level. In addition to serving as mentors to the club president and vice-presidents, immediate past club presidents will now serve as Club LCIF Coordinators. If he or she is unable to serve in this capacity, the position may be filled by another club member.

As a leader of this organization, something I want you to know is that Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) stands with Lions. LCIF helps Lions' projects reach more people and benefit more communities. Have you ever thought about if the service project in your community could have reached more people if provided additional resources? Have you ever been involved in a project that you wish could have helped more people? LCIF grants are available to help you do that.

Receiving a grant for your service project may seem like an abstract idea, but it is possible to accomplish this for your own community. The donations that LCIF receives go directly to Lions who apply for grants and meet the required criteria.

Think about the service projects your club is participating in. Can a grant make your projects more impactful to your community or the community you are serving? In addition, think about this the next time you consider giving a donation to LCIF. We have some exciting changes happening to our grants framework, so I hope you will talk with your club about LCIF and the potential grant opportunities available to you.

New Grant Categories. As the needs of this world continue changing. LCIF

must also evolve to provide support to those in need. With these changes come new grant categories. The new categorization will keep the foundation's mission in mind and will encourage Lions and LCIF to focus on more sustainable projects. In addition, a new, very exciting grant is coming soon. Leos will be able to plan and implement their own service projects with assistance from an LCIF grant! You can expect more information on these changes soon. With brand new options, Lions are now going to be able to impact more people than ever.



Still Recruiting Club LCIF Coordinators. The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for LCIF at the club level. This position is crucial to the promotion of our foundation. This Lion shares LCIF stories, motivates fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enables LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. Club LCIF Coordinators will be equipped with resources that will allow them to champion the goals of the foundation to Lions. This position is truly an exciting role and is of great importance to LCIF. If you would like to serve in this position for your club for the 2017-2018 year, tell your club president today!



Share Your Stories. Lions are working hard every day to create change around the world. Some Lions are volunteering their time in schools, some are planting trees, assisting communities after disasters, or spreading the word about safe

and effective vaccinations. Whatever your project is, share it with LCIF and all Lions! Stories and pictures not only let everyone know about the good work you are doing, but they inspire others to create projects of their own. Share your stories today! (Lions Clubs International photos)

2017-2018 District 31-S Directory Corrections

Page 7: "Upcoming State Conventions" should be just Upcoming Conventions (includes Mid-Winter Convention for Districts 31-N and 31-S).

Page 12: Under Boys & Girls Homes, Gary Greene is Civic Club Development Officer.

Page 16: Garry Elliott's e-mail address is garryelliott@embarqmail.com.

Page 21: For PDG Barbara Beltran, the word "the" before fellowship should be removed.

Page 22: The Lake Gaston Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th Mondays. The GPS coordinates for the Lake Gaston Lions Club are 36°, 32 minutes, 05 feet, .57 inches NORTH by 77°, 54 minutes, 16 feet, .29 inches WEST.

Page 23: For the Wake Southwest Centennial Lions Club, the Guiding Lions are Lions Ed Burt and PDG Ron Beltran (not Lion Glenn Day).

Page 27: The President of the Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club is PDG Lion W. B. Bullock. The Rocky Mount Luncheon and Evening clubs have merged. They are now called just the Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club; the meeting times and location are correct.

Page 30: The e-mail address for Richard Miles is airmiles79@gmail.com.

Page 32: The correct e-mail address for Steve Wagoner (Wilson Loins Club) is sswagoner@yahoo.com.

Page 33: The First Flight Leo Club should be added; also add that the First Flight Leo Club is sponsored by the First Flight Lions Club. The proposed Rolesville High School Leo Club will probably be named "Heritage Leo Club."

Page 34: Add Garry Elliott as co-chair for Boys & Girls Homes.

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YANKEE
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FUNDRAISING



That's right! It's time for another Yankee Candle Fundraiser to benefit NCLI and the visually impaired across North Carolina.

We are very excited to partner again with Yankee Candle Fundraising. By offering premium products from the world's #1 candle brand, we're hoping to reach our fundraising goals and present our supporters with products they actually use and want.

There are two ways you can help us reach our goal this year!

1. Go online to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and place an order using NCLI's group code **999965199**.
2. You can enlist your friends and family from out of town to help NCLI reach its goal of supporting the visually impaired. Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and click on the **Seller Login** button and fill out the **Sign Up To Be A Seller** form (use NCLI group number **999965199**) to register. From that point on, you can send out informational e-mails to friends and family all over.

40% of each purchase will go back to directly support NCLI and the visually impaired across North Carolina!



Lion John Beere

Canine Companions for Independence

By *Lion John Lynde*

The Apex Lions Club was visited at a recent meeting by a team of presenters representing Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) and the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI). First up was Lion John Beere from the Zebulon Lions Club. Lion John was in the Kiwanas for 18 years prior to becoming a Lion, and then spent five years as a Lion in Mannassas, VA before moving to North Carolina. He searched for a Lions club to join because of his passion for the Canine Companions for Independence program which he was involved with in Mannassas. He is now a trustee and an area director with CCI.

Lion John brought four special guests with him: Elizabeth Penny and her therapy dog, Pistachio, and Monica Laliberte and her puppy in training, Bongo. (Yes, this is the same Monica Laliberte from WRAL.) Bongo is the eighth puppy that Monica and her family have raised for CCI.

Monica shared her story about how she first got involved with raising puppies and how she and her family have so thoroughly enjoyed the endeavor. A puppy raiser is responsible for taking a puppy through the stages of being a puppy to growing into a well-behaved dog. This involves basic things such as housebreaking, socialization, learning manners, and approximately 30 voice commands. One of the most common questions she gets is: *How do you give the puppy up after you have trained it?* She acknowledged that it is still very difficult and emotional as you would expect. However, after hav-

ing met some of the people whose lives have been changed so dramatically for the better, it gets much easier knowing the difference that it can make for someone.

After that, Elizabeth shared some of her story and some the ways that Pistachio helps her therapy patients at Wake-Med. Pistachio is actually the second facility dog that Elizabeth has had. She shared that working with a dog is a lot like raising children. Consistency is very important. Focusing on the positive things the dog does and ignoring (as much as possible) the negative things helps train the dog to do what it is best at. Sometimes she takes patients down to the gift shop at the hospital to show them the benefits that a dog like Pistachio can provide.



Pictured above, Left to right, are Lion Jolene, Elizabeth Penny, Lion John Beere, Monica Laliberte (holding Bongo), and Lion John Lynde. Front and center is Pistachio. (Contributed photo)

Canine Companions for Independence is an organization that exists outside of Lions, but Lions have supported CCI since it was started in 1975. The Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence is a 501(c)3 organization established to create awareness and provide support for CCI by providing highly trained assistance dogs free of charge to adults, children, and veterans with disabilities. So far, Lions have provided more than \$3 million in support through LPCCI. The dogs provided through CCI provide virtually every kind of service a dog can be trained to provide, with the exception of vision service. Lions also support a separate organization that does exactly that, though, so don't worry.

There are four categories of service provided: Service dogs assist people with

disabilities by performing daily tasks; Skilled Companions enhance independence for people with physical, cognitive, and developmental disabilities; Hearing dogs alert people who are deaf and hard of hearing; and Facility dogs work with professionals in visitation, education, health care, or criminal justice settings. It costs approximately \$50,000 to raise and fully train each dog, so there is a tremendous need for support. If you would like to help, please visit the web site and find out how you can get involved. Maybe you can be part of changing someone's life, too!



<http://www.cci.org/>



<http://www.lpcci.com>



Lake Gaston Lions Seafood Festival

October 7, 2017

Lions Den | 139 Stanley Road | Henrico, NC

Rain or Shine—Gates Open at 1:00 pm

Serving 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Donation: \$40 Per Ticket

(everyone must have a ticket to enter)



All You Can Eat:

Shrimp • Oysters • Fish • Beans • Slaw • Hush Puppies

All You Want To Drink (bar closes at 5:30 pm):

Sodas • Beer • Wine • Mixed Drinks

Live Entertainment by "The Switch Band"

Bring your own chairs and sun shelters—no coolers, pets, or takeout permitted!

To purchase tickets:

- Contact any Lake Gaston Lion
- Purchase online from www.etix.com (fee will apply)
- Send request by mail with check made payable to *Lions Seafood Festival* to Tom Eddy, 139 Stanley Road, Henrico, NC 27842
- Visit one of the neighborhood businesses: Ebony General Store; Holly Grove Marina; Lake Gaston Gazette; Lake Gaston Marine; Lake Gaston Supply Co.; Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce; Pecht Distributors, Inc.; Ace Hardware; M&L Grocery & Grill; Quality Printing; Today's Electronics; Warrenton Furniture Exchange; Washburn's Marina; Wildwood Nursery; Lake Gaston Pizza; and Under the Sun Golf Carts & Lake Toys

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE





Brunswick Stew—New State Fair Food

By Lion John Lynde

This year at the State Fair the Apex Lions Club will be offering a new product (for us): Mrs. Fearnow's Brunswick Stew. We are very excited to be working with Boone Brands in Sanford, NC to bring this product to the State Fair. Ron Sonntag, CEO of Boone Brands, and Dale Bryant, Director of Sales & Marketing at Boone Brands, were guest speakers at the club's recent meeting to share samples and introduce Mrs. Fearnow's Brunswick Stew to our membership. They shared with us the plans for the partnership that we will have and hope to continue for years to come.

This partnership will offer Boone Brands a unique opportunity to make their product available to a larger audience. Also, with the additional billing and advertising by our club and fair concessions stand, the Apex Lions Club will have an opportunity to raise additional funds to benefit the town of Apex, the State of North Carolina, and people all around the world. Come visit us at our new location (right next door to our previous location) in the metal buildings near Dorton Arena this year at the State Fair and try Mrs. Fearnow's Brunswick Stew! (Contributed photos)



Ron Sonntag, CEO of Boone Brands

Rocky Hock Lions Celebrate Anniversary

By Lion Frances Jordan
Also printed in *The Chowan Herald*
Rebecca Bunch, Staff Writer
June 28, 2017

A commitment by its members to volunteer their time is the key to the continued success of the Rocky Hock Lions Club, according to outgoing president, Guy Simmons. That commitment was spotlighted with the awarding of the club's prestigious Lion of the Year Award jointly to Karen and Bill Smith during a June 22 installation of new officers held during a dinner at the Nothin' Fancy Café in Edenton.

The event marked the 15-year anniversary of the club's founding. Simmons said that much had been accomplished during the past 12 months. He credited the willingness of members to be actively involved as the reason. "We have had an enormous year," Simmons said, pointing to a variety of achievements. "When there was something to do, (you) always stepped up."

Those achievements included turning the 175 pounds of food to the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry as a result of a Rocky Hock Lions Club Food Drive, holding an Organ Donor Registry during which club members sold brooms and Camp Dogwood tickets, as well as distributing information, and providing face painting for children. Club members also raised \$1,644 for Brighter Visions in downtown Edenton and at Food Lion, and involved members of the John A. Holmes High School Leo Club in their endeavors and were involved in many other activities as well.

Simmons said the loyalty shown by those who were charter members who have remained to help the club carry on its work has been crucial to its success. "People have come and they have served, and they have stayed," he said. "It's been a good year," Simmons added. "Thank you for all that you have done. We've made a difference in our community."

New officers for 2017-2018 were installed by Lions District Governor-Elect Steve McLaurin who offered some thoughts on the success of the Rocky Hock Lions Club prior to the installation ceremony. McLaurin praised club mem-

bers for carrying out projects that "change lives" and said he was pleased to see the cooperation that exists between the Edenton Lions and the Rocky Hock organization that strengthen the community based efforts for both clubs. "Just think of the difference that (you are) making in people's lives," he said.

New officers in the Rocky Hock Club Laura Spruill (President); Pat Smith (First Vice President); Frank Mizak (Second Vice President); Guy Simmons (Third Vice President); Frances Jordan (Secretary/Membership); Gail Smith (Assistant Secretary); Karen Smith (Treasurer); Elena Bartoli (Assistant Treasurer); Donna Angell (Tail Twister); Bill Smith (Lion Tamer); Marjory James and Gail Forehand (One Year Directors); Dottie Mizak and Mike Lyens (Two Year Directors); and Sharon Savage and Kecia Phelps (Three Year Directors).

"You're going to lead this club with great energy and make the best decisions you can for the Rocky Hock Lions Club," McLaurin told Spruill during her installation as president. McLaurin also presented club secretary, Frances Jordan, an International Certificate of Excellence on behalf of Chancellor Bob Corlew. "I'm just doing my job," Jordan said humbly as she accepted the certificate.

A president's pin was given to incoming president Laura Spruill by Simmons. Laura Spruill in turn presented Simmons with a past president's pin.

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Message from LCIF: Our thoughts go out to all those affected by the hurricane in Texas. In times of crisis, Lions are often among the first to offer critical supplies of food, water, temporary shelter, and clothing. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is right there beside them, ready to support their efforts with fundraising assistance through disaster relief grant programs. Your generous donations to LCIF enable us to respond swiftly whenever and wherever the need exists. Please consider making a donation to LCIF's disaster fund today so that we may continue to provide help and hope to those who need it most.

Envisioning Youth Empowerment (EYE) Program

By *Lion John Lynde*

The Envisioning Youth Empowerment (EYE) program was held July 28—August 6, 2017 at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh, NC. The EYE program is a week-long program focusing on mentoring individuals with visual impairments, acquiring skills for real life situations and information on local, state, and federal resources available to them. A wide variety of classes included topics such as maintaining a healthy lifestyle, independent living skills, tips for living on a college campus, financial aid, personal safety, group travel arrangements, and many others. With access to certain areas on the NC State campus, the week also included a variety of recreational, social, and community activities, all designated to provide an enjoyable, informative program.

On Saturday, July 29, 2017, 60 VIPs from eight states (Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Washington), arrived at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind for a summer retreat. Lion David Delehanty of the Apex Lions Club was there to assist. We Serve!

Many thanks to the group leaders for their invaluable assistance: Tasnim Alshuli, Anmol Bhatia, Ashley Coleman, Cassidy Hooper, Sarai Hernandez, Amanda Johnson, Mary Goodin, Valari Rios, Brittany Simmons, Vanna Song, Candy Stanley, Vanh Vue, and James White.



Drake Landing Fundraiser

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, the Garner Lions Club will be sponsoring a shooting tournament. The tournament

will be held from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Drake Landing located at 3146 Claybeate Springs Road in Fuquay-Varina, NC. Registration will be held 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Shooting will be from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Prizes will be awarded for Top Team, Best Shot, and Worst Shot.

Drake Landing is a challenging clay target with a wide array of targets that duplicate the flight path of gamebirds. Items provided include 50 targets (sporting clays), ammo, house guns, ear and eye protection, golf carts, and safety classes. There will be 13 stations, each laid out in natural surroundings with rolling hills, woods, and ponds to create a beautiful, realistic setting.



Rocky Hock Lions

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Nine members of the Rocky Hock Lions were given special recognition during the presentation of 100 Percent Attendance pins. They included Lions Gail Forehand, Frances Jordan, Mike Lyens, Dottie Mizak, Frank Mizak, Sharon Savage, Guy Simmons, Bill Smith, and Karen Smith.

Club officials pointed out that even though all of the members recognized had not attended every meeting those absences had been made up by their attendance at board meeting, as well as their participating in events, projects, and fundraising activities.

Six members of the Rocky Hock club received Brighter Visions pins. They were Lions Donna Angell, Frances Jordan, Mike Lyens, Dottie Mizak, Frank Mizak, and Bill Smith. "To be eligible for the Brighter Visions Pins Sustaining Member Club, a member should raise \$50 or more in one year," Jordan said. "Each year in which a

member raises that amount or more, the amount they have raised is added to the cumulative total."



Pictured, l-r, are Lions Guy Simmons, Karen Smith, and Bill Smith. Lions Bill and Karen jointly accepted the Lion of the Year Award. (Rebecca Bunch photo)



Lion Frances Jordan (left) accepted the Certificate of Excellence for her outstanding work on behalf of the club from DG Lion Steve McLaurin (right). (Rebecca Bunch photo)



Lion Laura Spruill, 2017-2018 President of the Rocky Hock Lions Club (left) accepts congratulations from DG Steve McLaurin during the club's annual awards and installation banquet, which was held at the Nothin' Fancy Café in Edenton. (Rebecca Bunch photo)



District 31L Fall Convention November 17-18, 2017 Ad Sheet

We Serve Our Communities

**Deadline
25
October**

The ad participation by the clubs is what ensures a successful convention. Why we have a convention is to do the business of the district, meet our fellow Lions, fellowship and pick up some new idea's to take back to our communities to make us better Lions. We hope that clubs will participate at the full page level but if this is not feasible please participate at one of the other advertising levels. You will get the size ad you paid for and professional layout if needed for your support. Please help make your convention the kind you would want to attend.

Name _____

E-mail _____ Tele _____

Ad Received by Lion _____ of the _____ Lions Club

Buyers Printed Name _____ Signature _____

<p>Full Page Ad \$100.00 ___ Half Page Ad \$50.00 ___</p> <p>Quarter Page Ad \$25.00 ___ Inside Front or back (color) \$200 ___</p> <p><i>Please check your choice—need a separate sheet for each ad Thank you.</i></p>
<p>New Ad, Copy Attached ___ New Ad, Copy Emailed ___</p> <p>Use Ad from Last year ___ Use Ad From last year with changes ___</p> <p><i>New ads are preferred. Ads will not be scanned.</i></p>

Our goal as a district is to sell as many ads as possible. Please let your potential customer know that this can be written off as an advertising expense. Send ads in one of these formats Publisher or Word files. Send your pictures in the highest resolution that you have. The bigger the better. They reduce better. **Please do not send PDF Files.** These only work if you are publishing them in commercial quality. As always the book will be laid out in the most professional manner possible with what is provided. We will re-accomplish the ads to fit the format we have and to make it look as good or better than what you sent.

<p>Make check payable to District 31L Fall Convention, mail the check/ad to Lion Debbie Hicks, 25 Blessing Court, Hendersonville, NC 28739.</p> <p>Email Ads to - liondebbie@etowahlions.com Subject line Ad 2017 and Name</p>
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District 31L Tax ID # 47-2946988 **Receipt (tear off for your records)**

Paid _____ for a _____ page ad in the District 31L Fall Convention Book.

Check # _____ /Cash _____ Date: _____

Thank you from the D31L Fall Convention Committee





We Serve

3rd Annual District 31L Fall Convention

"We Serve our Communities"



November 17-18, 2017

Registration Form

See hotel information below with deadline

Deadline for Convention Registration 1 November 2017

Registration form must be filled out in order to receive a convention packet and ID.

Make Check payable to:

2017 District 31 L Fall Convention

Mail to:

Lion Frances Coates
101 Lions Way
Black Mountain, NC 28711

NAME _____ CLUB _____ Dist. _____

CIRCLE HONORS: PIP, PID, PCC, CC, DG, PDG, 1VDG, 2VDG, Lion, Guest MJF, JSF, WLW, SSBOH, HOF

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Meals

Friday, November 17, 2017 -- 5:00 PM , Fun Night Celebration Buffet \$16.91 ea.	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday, November 18, 2017 -- 7:00 AM , Tail Twister Breakfast Buffet \$15.95 ea.	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday November 18, 2017, Lunch Buffet \$13.80 ea.	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday November 18, 2017 -- 6:30 PM , District Governors' Banquet \$25.95 ea.	X	_____	=	_____
Sunday November 19, 2017, Breakfast Buffet \$11.50 ea.	X	_____	=	_____

All meals are buffet and include taxes and tip per person. TOTAL _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: NEW THIS YEAR

To make hotel reservations, call Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center Phone: **800-222-4930**. The room rate is \$110.00 plus tax. The Fall Convention Committee will pick up the difference to bring down your room rate to \$99.00 upon checkout.

Hotel Reservation Deadline is 15 October 2017



Lexington Downtown Lions Club

P.O. Box 571,
Lexington, NC 27293-0571
336-249-2194 ext. 3102

Dear Business Leaders and Fellow Lions:

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Dave Conrad Lions Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2017 (rain date Wednesday, September 13, 2017). This event will take place at the **Lexington Golf Club**. The Lexington Downtown Lions Club and Breeden Insurance Services, Inc. sponsor the tournament.

We need business and civic organizations to sponsor teams for this half-day captain's choice affair. To provide smoother play, the tournament will be limited to the first twenty-four (24) teams. Each team will consist of an A, B, C, and D player (see entry form flyer). The cost of each four-man team is \$225.00. If you would like to have any "mulligans" included please add \$5.00 per player to the fee. Your fees will cover the following:

1. Entry of four people in the tournament
2. Green fees and golf carts
3. Chance to win multiple prizes up to \$1,000.00
4. The barbecue party immediately following afternoon play
5. Co-sponsorship by R.H. Barringer Distributing Co. Inc.

In addition, there will be opportunities to win many value prizes, including a 50/50 Pot for Money! All proceeds from the tournament will be used to aid the blind and for the research and treatment for eye diseases. You only have to close your eyes for a few minutes to feel the loneliness and isolation that the visually impaired feel. Over the past thirty years, many lives have been touched due to the valuable participation and contributions.

If you are interested in sponsoring a team or a hole (\$100.00 for hole sponsorship), please contact me at 336-309-0530 or J.J. Fashimpaur at 335-248-3950. Please make check payable to the Lexington Downtown Lions Club and mail you're your entry form, if applicable P.O. Box 571, Lexington, NC 27293-0571.

Your support and participation are greatly appreciated.

Kindest Regards,

Lion W. Mark Breeden, Chairman
Lion Sarah Black, Co-Chairman
Rick Truell, Co-Chairman
2017 Dave Conrad Memorial Golf Torunament
Lexington Downtown Lions Club

North Carolina Lions Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest Entry Form

Please type or print clearly. All information required

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Age: _____ School: _____
 County of School: _____
 Student's Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____
 Home Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____

II. LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 City: _____
 Club President: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

III. DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Governor: _____
 District: _____
 Contact Number: _____
 Email: _____
 Date of Judging: _____

IV. DISTRICT COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Chairperson: _____
 Contact Number: _____
 Email: _____

V. STATE COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Date Entry Received: _____
 Results: 1st Place Honorable Mention
 State Chairperson's Signature _____

North Carolina Lions Celebrate Liberty Committee

PDG Michael H. Schwartz
 State Chairperson
 Schwartz5483@gmail.com

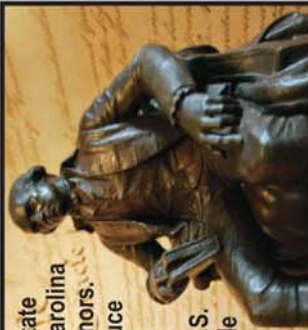
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Celebrate Liberty is a state program of the North Carolina Lions Council of Governors. Its purpose is to introduce students to the importance of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the role of government in our lives.



Essay Contest Rules

- The contest is open to all high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private or charter school.
- The theme for the contest is the Alexander Hamilton quote in this brochure.
- Essays must be no longer than 750 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.
- Each submitted essay must be sponsored by a Lions club in the respective district where the school is located.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- After judging on the club level, the winning essay should be sent to the district Celebrate Liberty chairperson for district-level competition.
- The district winner should be sent to the state Celebrate Liberty chairperson for statewide judging. The deadline is February 9, 2018.
Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest
1678-C Robins Nest Court
Gastonia, North Carolina 28054
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Celebrate Liberty 2017-2018 Essay Contest

"The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter, or totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it."

Alexander Hamilton

Grand Prize \$250

North Carolina Lions State Convention

The Grand Prize winner will receive an expense-paid trip to our state convention on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Greensboro Airport Marriott. The student will be invited to read their winning essay to delegates and guests in attendance on Sunday, April 29. The trip includes one-night accommodation at the hotel, travel and a per diem.

Who Was Alexander Hamilton?

Alexander Hamilton was an American statesman and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He was an influential interpreter and promoter of the U. S. Constitution, as well as the founder of the nation's financial system, the Federalist Party, the United States Coast Guard, and *The New York Post* newspaper. As the first Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton was the main author of the economic policies of the George Washington administration. He took the lead in the funding of the states' debts by the federal government, as well as the establishment of a national bank, a system of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. His vision included a strong central government led by a vigorous executive branch, a strong commercial economy, with a national bank and support for manufacturing, plus a strong military.



Garner Lions Club
 Garner, NC - We Serve



Shooting Tournament

Sponsored by the Garner Lions Club

Saturday, October 21, 2017 | 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Shooting Starts at 2:30 pm

Items Provided:

50 Targets—Clays • Ammo • House Guns • Ear and Eye Protection • Golf Cart • Safety Class

Prizes Awarded for TOP TEAM, BEST SHOT, and WORST SHOT

Single Shooter, \$105 Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

12 Gauge 20 Gauge

Team, \$400

Name of Team: _____

Team Leader: _____

Phone Number: _____

Team Shooter #1: _____

12 Gauge 20 Gauge

Team Shooter #2: _____

12 Gauge 20 Gauge

Team Shooter #3: _____

12 Gauge 20 Gauge

Team Shooter #4: _____

12 Gauge 20 Gauge

Make checks payable to *Garner Lions Club* and mail with completed form to:

Garner Lions Club
 P. O. Box 361
 Garner, NC 27529

Questions? Contact Shannon O'Neal, Garner Lions Club President | (919) 285-9027

State of North Carolina
County of Harnett

Participation Agreement & Waiver/Release

Participant's Name: _____
Participant's Address: _____
Participant's Email Address: _____
Participant's Hunting Lic. #: _____

<u>Participant's Activities</u>	
<i>Initial all that apply</i>	
Sporting Clays _____	Hunting _____
3-D Archery _____	Pistol Pit _____
Rifle Range _____	

Rifle Range/Time Cal:

For good and valuable considerations, the undersigned Participant hereby covenants, contacts, agrees and acknowledges with Drake Landing, L.L.C. and the Property Owners ("Property Owners" being: William Dan Andrews; Linda Farrar Andrews, Daniel Boone Andrews, Purfoy Properties, LLC; and the Estate and heirs of B.G. Rambeau, their successors and/or assigns) as follows.

- 1) That the Participant fully acknowledges that all shooting sports ("Participant's Activities") carry inherent dangers and risks regarding personal injury and property damage. That the undersigned Participant hereby knowingly and freely assumes all risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen, latent or open and notorious, for any harm, injury or damage that the Participant or Participant's property may suffer while on the premises and/or property of Drake Landing, L.L.C. or the Property Owners or while participating in Participant's Activities.
- 2) That the Participant covenants, acknowledges and agrees to indemnify, protect, and hold harmless Drake Landing, L.L.C. and the Property Owners, from any claim, liability, loss, cost or damage (Including without limitation attorney fees and court costs) suffered by Participant or any 3rd Party arising out of or in any way connected with Participant's Activities or that was caused or occasioned by the acts or omissions, intentional or negligent, of any other Participant or 3rd party. That the Participant hereby waives any and all causes of action and claims for damages against Drake Landing, L.L.C. and the Property Owners, arising out of or in connection with the Participant's Activities.
- 3) That the Participant represents and warrants that any and all equipment or supplies (guns/ammunition) brought onto the Premises by the Participant are in a safe and proper working order, free from any defect and all safety features are fully operable and that the Participant will use all equipment as designed and in a safe manner. That the Participant shall follow all rules and instructions of Drake Landing, L.L.C. and shall exercise caution customary for shooting sports while engaged in Participant's Activities.
- 4) That the Participant is 18 years of age or older. If the Participant is under 18 years of age, a Parent or Guardian shall sign on Participant's behalf. Any person signing on behalf of a person under 18 years of age, here by warrants that he or she is the parent or legal guardian of the minor, with the necessary authority to enter this agreement.
- 5) If any provision or part thereof contained herein is declared void, invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision or part thereof so determined shall be severable from this Participation Agreement & Waiver/Release and not affect the enforceable of any other provision herein.

Date

Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian (SEAL)

Habitat, Lions Help Make A House A Home



*From The Chowan Herald
August 23, 2017 | By Peter Williams*

Mike and Rebecca Lyens will live at the new house at 608 Dobbs Street and a host of organizations met last week to celebrate. The couple are the newest Habitat for Humanity residents in Hertford. The organization uses volunteers to help lower the cost of building a modest home. The residents have to pay off the mortgage.

"Thank you for coming out, and I'd like to thank the people who are not here," Mike Lyens said. He served in the Navy and had a job in the concrete industry, but a disease has mostly robbed him of all of his vision. Still, he visited the site across from Hertford Grammar School as much as possible during construction.

"It took a whole lot of people in the community to make this come together," said Ron Cummings. One speaker quoted Psalms 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builder's labor in vain." And the home was a labor of love, said the builders who worked on it for almost five months. Perquimans and Chowan counties share the same Habitat for Humanity local affiliate. The Rocky Hock Lions Club in Chowan was one of the groups that helped make the home possible.

Dave Johnson of the Rocky Hock Club presented the couple with a bible. The State Employees Credit Union (SECU) helped with the financing. Bill Ross, a Hertford SECU board member, offered his thanks.

The state SECU earmarked \$10 million to build a new Habitat house in every county in North Carolina. By doing so, local Habitat affiliates don't need to wait 20 years to be paid back for the construction cost of that house, and can funnel the funds back to building another one sooner. The local Habitat group has been building one Habitat per year in one county and then doing the other county the next year. The hope is to be able to

build a new house in each county each year.

The other groups recognized last week were the Disabled American Veterans Camp 64 in Elizabeth City, American legion Post 126 in Hertford, the Hertford Rotary Club, Girl Scout Troop 57, N. C. Habitat for Humanity, the Town of Hertford, First National Bank, A. R. Chesson and design planner Mitchell Ayers and Carrie Baker, Mike Flora of flora Mirror and Glass, Mike Wisler who donated the cabinets, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Hertford United Methodist Church, Edenton United Methodist Church, New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Elizabeth City, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Paul AME Zion Church, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Saint Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Edenton Baptist Church, and Albemarle Baptist Church.

This is one of the club's Centennial Projects.



Meet "Welch Allyn"

By Lion John Mitchener

On the evening of Monday, August 28, 2017, the Edenton Lions met a new friend: "Welch Allyn," the new Spot vision screener on the block. A bit larger than a Polaroid land camera of a few decades ago, Welch Allyn quickly and accurately evaluates eye abnormalities. Jennifer Lowell, a graduate of James Madison University, is as proud of Welch as she can be. On a rainy evening, she drove from the Outer Banks just to introduce Welch. We are grateful!

Welch works best when the age of the person being examined is known. Distinctions as to being a few months old or being in a certain age elementary

school age range are important. For the big people in life, all Welch wants to know is if you are 20 years old or more. Welch values private space. He wants you to stand or sit 3.3 feet away. If you are shy, he calls out "too far." If you are in his face, Welch signals that you are "too close." Welch has a bit of *Goldilocks* in him and wants separation to be 'just right.'



Once that is done, Welch examines your eye painlessly. Patients quickly discover that if they are farsighted or nearsighted or have an astigmatism. Pupils must be a certain size for accurate diagnosis. If pupils are too small, their owner is asked to put on sunglasses for a few minutes. Pupils get larger in the shade! When sunglasses are removed, eyes can be quickly examined before pupils get shy and small again! Nice trick!

Lions from the Hertford and Rocky Hock Lions Clubs met Welch on Monday evening, too. Nurses from Chowan County Schools were present, as well as special education teachers.

Together we can serve our students better.

Directory Corrections

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Pages 38-40: The correct e-mail address for Lion John Lynde should be listed as jlyndepsu@yahoo.com. The area code for his phone number should be 919 instead of 252.

Page 52: Under Jungle Prowl Awards, the bonus section should say: Bonus for every five clubs prowled (must be five different clubs) = 1,000 points.

Page 55: Under Boys & Girls Homes, add: Gary Faircloth, President & CEO; Ray Cockrell, VP Development.

Please see pages 55-59 in District Directory for additional helpful contact information.

Relief Fund Established for Hurricane Harvey Relief

From Lion Rick Talbert, Council Chair MD-2, Lions Clubs of Texas



Thanks to everyone who is reaching out to help Texas in dealing with the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. As of this moment, the vast majority of affected areas are still dealing in the rescue phase of the disaster.

Houston and surrounding areas are still underwater. Rockport and nearby towns which were directly hit by Harvey are in such terrible shape that they are not even allowing residents back in and have specifically asked people not to send volunteers or goods at this time.

As to coordinating the flow of monetary donations, including the LCIF Major Catastrophe Grant, the MD-2 Council of Governors has taken action to establish the Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. At this time, direct donations in the form of checks can be sent payable to: Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund c/o MD-2 Texas Lions, P. O. box 294509, Kerrville, TX 78029. Please be aware that MD-2 is a 501(c)(4). In addition, if funds are required to be payable to a 501(c)(3), they can be sent to the Texas Lions Foundation, P. O. Box 64881, Lubbock, TX 7946. In either case, be sure to indicate "Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund" on your check and send a copy of your transmittal to MD-2 Texas Lions at the address above.

This effort is currently a moving target and in the early stages of what will be a long-term effort. We will try to keep everyone aware of new developments as they occur. All interested in helping can contact the Hurricane Harvey Relief Committee: hurricaneharvey@texaslions.org.

Thanks again for your concern and willingness to help. It is great to be a Lion as we move FORWARD TO THE FUTURE OF SERVICE in our second century of service. WE SERVE.

#Texas | #Lions | #HurricaneHarvey
#TexasStrong



The Edenton Lions Club recently received recognition for outstanding performance during the 2016-2017 Lions year. Books of 12 raffle tickets each were sold for \$10 (or \$1 for a single raffle ticket) as a fundraiser for Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Sherrills Ford, NC. The winner of the raffle was entered in a drawing for a new car or truck. Edenton Lions averaged nearly 3.8 books sold per member. (John Mitchener photo)



On Saturday, August 26, 2017, the Rocky Hock Lions Club hosted the Out 'N The Cold Band at David's Red Barn in Edenton, NC. The Out 'N The Cold Band formed in 1977. The band is currently made up of seven local members, including a renowned Opry steel guitar player. This is the band that Martin Parker played with for 10 years until his death a few years ago. Parker, from Edenton and Nashville, was also a renowned Opry player, playing the drums. This local band can play any type of music. For the last five years, the band has played at the VIP Fishing Tournament where they will be playing again this year. Band members include Kent Luton, Dickie Sanders, Carl "Red" Swain, Edgar Lane, Clarence "Moon" Munden, Martin Parker, Bobby "Muskrat" Reams, Charlie Austin, and Adam Nixon. (Frances Jordan photo)

Message From International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal



I know you join me in keeping the victims of this latest natural disaster in your thoughts and prayers. Together we make a significant difference. Namaste . . .



My Dear Lions, on Friday, August 25th, Hurricane Harvey made its way ashore on the central Gulf Coast of Texas with winds of 125 miles per hour. As I draft this letter, the central coast of Texas, including metropolitan Houston, is still being affected by unprecedented amounts of rain fall and potentially devastating flooding.

The nearly 17 million residents in the path of the storm will be dealing with the aftermath for weeks and possibly months to come. Lions Clubs International, through our Foundation (LCIF), has responded with an emergency catastrophe grant in the amount of \$100,000. The grant will allow Lions in the area of impact to provide life-saving supplies of food, water, blankets and other necessities.

We never know when or where disaster will strike, but when it does, LCIF emergency and major catastrophe grants enable local Lions to respond, making an immediate impact in the hardest hit areas around the world. Your donation to LCIF makes it possible for us to respond at a moment's notice to this and other disasters as they strike. Lions members are the most generous people in the world. Please consider a donation to LCIF to assist Lions in short-term and long-term disaster response.



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